

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2011 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. extending a Happy New Year to all. Chairman Smith asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for those men and women serving our country.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bevan
B. Bier
B. Blake
D. German
F. Goodrich
A. Giannattasio
M. Hardiman
J. Patterson
G. Smith
P. Smith
P. Staneski
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
L. Stock, City Clerk
W. Smith, Jr., City Attorney

Excused

B. Joy, Jr. (vac.)

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. He asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit.

A. Beloin – 12 Overton Avenue – expressed concern over the actions of her neighbor, who succeeded in spoiling the holidays for her. She stated her neighbor is a hunter and that she has no problem with that, but what she has a problem with is the fact that he hangs a deer carcass in the yard which is directly in line with her kitchen window. She stated this continues to happen and that she has spoken with the police department and there is nothing they can do. Ms. Beloin stated she feels this is a form of harassment. She also stated the man has a stop work order on his home; however he continues to work on the property. She stated is retired military and it is time to get tough and crack down on this person. She stated she lives in a family neighborhood and that they should not be subject to the actions of this one person.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – stated he lives on the street in Milford where they only plow one side of the street. He stated when he is unable to make the meetings he watches them on channel 79 and noted the presentation and audible sound has improved and is much better. He also spoke regarding finances and noted he

is a senior citizen on a fixed income and that he has to watch every penny. He asked the Board to please have a heart when it comes to the senior citizens.

W. Ziebell – 10 Silver Street – wished the Board, mayor and city attorney a Happy New Year. He stated he came tonight because of a problem with the construction equipment on his street. He stated the equipment is being stored on Silver Street while the work on the East Broadway sewer replacement project is being completed. Mr. Ziebell stated he as well as his neighbors received a letter regarding the project, but not that the equipment would be kept on their street. He read a petition that has been signed by the neighbors, which he presented to the Chairman and City Clerk. He stated they have a number of concerns with the equipment being parked on the street and spoke about a recent incident where a neighbor's range vent fell. He also spoke regarding the intense vibrations from the equipment being used. He stated the street is not built to house this type of equipment and expressed his hope someone would address this matter.

M. Ziebell – 10 Silver Street – stated she too is here regarding Silver Street. She stated the lot the equipment is being stored is an open space lot, which was raised approximately 2' to hold this equipment. She stated a major nor'easter could pose some major flooding issues for the area. Ms. Ziebell explained the history of this open space lot and how it was obtained. She stated the lot was purchased with HUD money and she is upset that "their" fight is being used in this way. She pointed out other possibilities in the area where the equipment could be stored. She also noted there is a 24' boat in its third year being stored on Gardner Street. She stated she was concerned this could lead to people thinking they can just park on any open space.

S. Devaney – 16 Silver Street – expressed her concern with the equipment being parked on their street. She also stated she is concerned with the structural integrity of her home and further that it was unfair to her as a homeowner and taxpayer.

D. Guaglianone – 73 Cooper Avenue – stated he sees on the agenda the Board is going to reappoint someone to the MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee who is incompetent, arrogant and fraudulent. He stated he had hoped the Board would have taken all of this into consideration before deciding to reappoint M. Manente. He stated he would respectfully ask the Board to table this vote and reconsider the appointment. Mr. Guaglianone offered congratulations to the others being appointed tonight noting they are all volunteers and as volunteers had his deepest respect.

N. Veccharelli – 57 Pond Street – spoke regarding the Silver Street issue where equipment is located. He stated he has received a number of calls from constituents. He stated in looking into the matter he found was that giant rocks and now a giant piece of apparatus was being on Silver Street. He stated it is his understanding the equipment will no longer be on that lot after the 10th of the month. He stated there still will be equipment in the area, but not on that lot. He also commented the people should not have had to put up with the equipment being on their street. He stated after the machines are gone he would like to see repairs done to the lot including grading, planting grass, etc.

Chairman G. Smith noted for the record that the aldermen are precluded from speaking during public session according to their rules. He read from p. 4 of the Board of Aldermen rules.

Ald. Blake raised a point of order as well as Ald. Veccharelli who also raised a point of order, stating he should not be reprimanded from speaking publically.

Chairman G. Smith stated to Ald. Veccharelli that he allowed him to speak, but that he just wished to point out that their aldermanic rules do not allow speaking during public comment.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 6, 2010.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented in these difficult times we should all resolve to care about one another and be kind.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he would be happy to answer any questions the Board had regarding items 8a and 8b. Regarding item (6a), Mayor Richetelli stated he was pleased to introduce Tanya L. Schweitzer, Program Director of the Milford Prevention Council. He explained the position is funded by a federal grant Milford Prevention Council received through the Drug Free Communities Support Program of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Ms. Schweitzer thanked the Board and the mayor for the opportunity to introduce herself. She went on to talk about her background and the program.

(6b) Mayor Richetelli explained the three groups being appointed tonight. He stated the first appointees were Mayoral appointments, followed by Board of Aldermen appointments and finally mayoral appointments with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. He stated with the Board's permission he would read the names of the Mayor's appointments and asked that those individuals present come forward to be sworn in by the City Clerk. He thanked the many individuals being appointed for working for a better Milford and expressed his appreciation for their time and efforts.

Mayor's appointments:

Milford Council on Aging, two-year term expiring 12/31/12

(D) Lillian Holmes, 100 Oxford Road, 06460, reappointment

(R) Michael J. Petrucelli, 4 Bayberry Lane, 06460, reappointment

(U) Philip A. Caporusso, D.M.D., 46 Shadows End Lane, 06460, reappointment

(R) Joyce Elwell, 41 Eveningside Drive, 06460, reappointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

(D) Carolyn Greer, 10 Pond Street, 06460, reappointment

(U) Keith Dunn, 38 Sherbrooke Road, 04661, reappointment

(R) Maureen Mauro-DeSantie, 1089 West River Street, 06461, reappointment

Fowler Memorial Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13

(R) Leona L. D'Amico, 49 Meetinghouse Lane, 06460, reappointment

(U) William B. Kates, 97 Pomona Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Human Services, Milford Department of, two-year term expiring 12/31/12

(R) Diane Candido, 4 Topfield Road, 06460, reappointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

(D) Cathleen A. Collins, 233 Housatonic Drive, 06460, reappointment

(R) Stephen V. Munson, 116 Wepawaug Drive, 06461, reappointment

Alternate:

(R) Michael M. DeGrego, 1089 West River Street, 06461, new appointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) Linda Natoli, 297 Forest Road, reappointment

(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, reappointment

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in those citizens who were present for above Commissions.

The Board recessed at 8:17 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 8:23 p.m.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a-8c)

8a. Board of Aldermen approval is hereby requested of the following Mayor's Appointments to the Boards and Commissions as listed.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's Appointments:

Building Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/15

(R) Louis J. D'Amato, 481 Roses Mill Road, 06460, reappointment

(R) Damien J. O'Connor, 63 Clark Hill Road, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position – term to expire 12/31/13.

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(R) Ruth Downin, 554 Merwin Avenue, 06460, reappointment
(R) Ronald V. Winfield, 17 Lynmoor Street, 06460, reappointment

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(D) Joseph J. Harry, 15 Pauline Street, 06460, new appointment

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(D) Brian A. Lema, 17 Maple Street, 06460, reappointment
(D) Joseph M. Agro, Jr., 55 Brewster Road, 06460, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(D) Jonathan d. Berchem, 216 Centennial Drive, 06461, reappointment
(R) Richard W. Smith, 21 Millwood Street, 06460, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(R) Ronald Peruzzi, 37 Harvest Lane, 06461, reappointment
(D) George J. Amato, Jr., 10 Orchard Road, 06460, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/15
(U) Nancy Berrien Bennett, 26 High Street, 06460, reappointment
(R) James R. Beard, 762 Wheelers Farm Road, 06461, reappointment

Alternates: two-year term expiring 12/31/12
(R) David R. Newman, 57 Elder Street, 06460, reappointment
(R) Ronald Miller, 306 Naugatuck Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(R) Dr. Mitchell Quintner, 7 Snug Harbor Road, 06460, reappointment
(R) Ernest Judson, Jr., 27 Sylvan Court, 06460, reappointment
(D) Christine M. Gonillo, 204 Oronoque Road, 06461, new appointment

Housing Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/15
(D) Todd M. Casey, 494 Anderson Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Human Services, Milford Department of, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(R) Mary Lou Kecko, 449 Housatonic Drive, 06460, (*Consumer Representative*), reappointment

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(D) Thomas McGovern, 101 Harkness Drive, 06460, reappointment
(R) Telka diFate, 369 Herbert Street, 06461, reappointment
(R) Constance C. Gaynor, 60 Seventh Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13
(D) Kerri Rowland, 465 Pond Point Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13

(R) Jerold M. Wanosky, 28 Ashburn Lane, 06460, reappointment

(D) Sharon Marrone, 5 Springdale Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) Anthony Candido, 4 Topfield Road, 06460, new appointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13

(D) Robert J. Carroll, 5 Snow Apple Lane, 06460, reappointment

(U) Christopher Saley, 19 Marsh Street, 06460, new appointment

Transit District, two-year term expiring 12/31/12

(R) Philip Bonder, 74 Camden Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Gina V. Badalamenti, 20 Bayshore Drive, 06460, new appointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/13

(R) Bryan J. Mancini, 47 Tumblebrook Drive, 06461, reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/15

(R) Frederick E. Katen, 127 Home Acres Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Alternate, three-year term expiring 12/31/13

(U) William J. Evasick, 15 Maple Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) John J. Collins, Jr., 12 Brookdale Avenue, 06460, new appointment, to fill unexpired term of David Hulme (resigned), term to expire 12/31/10

Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in those individuals present to their respective appointments.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Resolution RE: Confirming City of Milford's Commitment and Participation in a Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Board of Aldermen Appointments:

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the following appointments:

Animal Shelter Commission

(D) Janis Diamond, 74 Castle Lane, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/15

Economic Development Commission

(R) John T. DePalma, 27 Crestwood Road, reappointment (*Citizen Representative*, four-year term), term to expire 12/31/14

(R) Cyrus Settineri, 151 Platt Lane, 06460, reappointment (*Citizen Representative*, four-year term), term to expire 12/31/14.

(U) Robert Stanton, 135 New Haven Avenue, 06460, reappointment (*Retail/Industry Representative*, three-year term), term to expire 12/31/13.

Historic District Commission:

(R) Arthur W. Stowe, 36 Fresh Meadow Lane, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/15

Historic District (South of the Green)

(R) Arthur W. Stowe, 36 Fresh Meadow Lane, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/16.

Alternate:

(U) John Carissimi, 64 Kirkside Avenue, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 1/1/16.

Historic District (South of the Green)

(U) Walter Ortoleva, 244 Seaside Avenue, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/16.

(D) Gary M. Becker, 34 Pond Street, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position. Term to expire 1/1/15.

Alternate:

(D) Marjorie C. Jones, 49 Green Street, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/16.

Inland Wetlands Agency

(D) Sally Lee, 65 Sandpiper Crescent, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/13

Alternate:

(R) Justin R. Margeson, 21 Eastern Parkway, 06460, new appointment, to fill unexpired term of Cathleen A. Collins, term to expire 12/31/12.

MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee

(U) Paula a. Patterson, 26 Strawberry Hill Road, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(U) Michael Manente, Jr., 139 Kings Highway, Unit #2, 06460, term to expire 12/31/12

(R) Kimberley E. Boath, 91 Hickory Avenue, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/12.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in those individuals present to their respective appointments.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the following appointments:

Pension and Retirement Board

(D) Robin Lynch (MEA), 66 Baxter Lane, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/13

(R) Paul G. Staneski, 35 Point Lookout, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/13

(R) Khalid M. Ali, 935 New Haven Avenue, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(D) Leo T. Mahoney, 75 Fenway East, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/13

(U) Thomas Piskura (Local 944), 433 Welches Point Road, 06461, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/13

Alternate

(U) Glenn Behrle (MEA), 171 Beach Avenue, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/13

(U) Frank J. Murphy, 179 Nettleton Avenue (Local 944), new appointment – to fill unexpired term. Term to expire 12/31/12

Motion carried 13 yes (Bevan, Bier, Blake, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Hardiman, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, N. Veccharelli, P. Vetro, R. Vitali) and 1 abstention (Staneski).

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in those individuals present to their respective appointments.

The Board recessed at 8:28 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 8:31 p.m.

9. New Business not on the Agenda which may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$15,656.65. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – no report.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – no report.

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Vitali reported the Committee met earlier this evening to consider two claims.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee Gregory Gaffney (PPD Award) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee Irwin Langewisch (PPD Award) (Executive Session) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Rules Committee – no report.

f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.

b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.

- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report
- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.
- f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.
- g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.

p. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro reported anyone needing social services should contact the agency. Also, anyone needed fuel assistance should call directly. On behalf of the Commission, Ald. Vetro extended thank you to all those who participated in the “adopt a family” holiday program and wished all a Happy New Year.

- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.

14. Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any item to be considered in executive session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required to go into executive session.

The Chairman shall announce, in public session, those items to be covered in executive session and call for a vote to enter executive session. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to enter executive session, is obtained, the hall shall be cleared and executive session declared.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary